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In Re Application of:

Peter Malcolm Moran et al.

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Serial No.: 10/625,235

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Title: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING AN OBJECT AND A TAG CARRYING  
IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed August 22, 2006, in which the Examiner required restriction between two groups of claims:

- (I) claims 1-18, 23, 25-26, 29 and 31, drawn to use of magnetic particles for encoding information in an identification card; and
- (II) claims 19-22, 24, 27-28, 30 and 32, drawn to transmission of an electric signal from an active source to authenticate data or data to determine if an object or document is valid, or the identity of an individual method in wireless radio communication.

In response to this restriction, applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-18, 23, 25-26, 29 and 31 with traverse. The examiner has made this restriction based on group I being a combination and group II being a subcombination of group I. Applicants disagree with this analysis. There is a single, common, unifying structural feature associated with the two groups of claims, namely, the use of a disordered porous material. More specifically, Group I specifies the step of determining a characteristic of a magnetic signal and Group II specifies the step of determining a characteristic of an electric/electromagnetic signal. Both types of signals are

derived from a common structural, and thus unifying, feature of a "host material having pores ... wherein at least some of the pores contain a [relevant] material." Therefore, both groups of claims share a common concept of using randomly arranged pores that contain a material with a readable characteristic to produce unique identification information.

Applicants therefore request removal of the restriction requirement. In the event that prosecution occurs on one of the Groups of claims identified by the examiner, applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

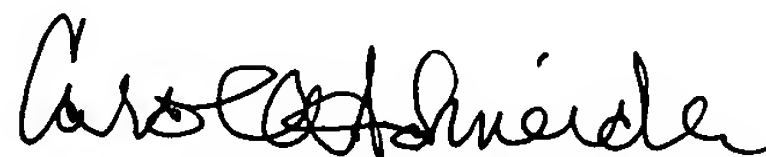
If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, he is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 251-7702 or [caschneider@mintz.com](mailto:caschneider@mintz.com).

Applicants believe that no fee is required for this filing, as the examiner has given a shortened statutory period for reply of 3 months. This reply is being filed within 3 months of the mailing date (8/22/2006) of the restriction requirement. If a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 18-0580.

Respectfully submitted,

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